Mr. C. Matthai.—It is in the Veloor School, and the boy is now in the Third Form.

President.—Is it not the boy under your special protection, Mr. Raja?

122. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what are the special concessions granted to pupils of the depressed classes in the different departments of schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide answer to question No. 103 of the Vrischigam sitting of 1101. Besides the concessions referred to therein, the Government have since sanctioned stipends to such pupils in the High School Forms at the rate laid down for Muhammadan boys in Note 4, Art. 71 (c)—C. E. C.

Moral instruction.

123. **Mr. I. E. Ambooken.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have laid down any definite syllabus in the matter of teaching moral instruction in schools; if so, will they be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the same?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Vide pages 116 and 117 of *the Education Code*, Vol. II.

The duty of Panchayats regarding schools.

124. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Considering that the activities of a school are teaching and administering, will the Government be pleased to state what the Panchayats should report upon after visiting the schools?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The Panchayats may report on the general working of the schools, on the attendance and strength during their visits, on any irregularity that may come to their notice in regard to the working of the schools, on the condition of the school buildings, etc.

125. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it realises that as ordinary laymen, Panchayatdars may not be able to pass any useful remark on the teaching side, and if wants and defects in the conduct of schools are also to be outside their view, will the Government be pleased to state definitely what it expects the Panchayats to report upon?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Panchayatdars may be able to pass useful remarks on the teaching side and about wants and defects in the working of schools. Reasonable suggestions made by Panchayats will be duly considered by the department, and necessary remedial measures taken.

126. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it expects the Panchayats as a body to visit schools, or members authorised by the Panchayat?

Mr. C. Matthai.—A Panchayat may visit a school as a body or authorise individual members thereof to do so, but the

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